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1. VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ TODAY TOLD REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS A MATTER OF UNIVERSAL CONCERN, TRANSCENDING MERE NATIONAL BOUNDARIES.

2. IN AN INAUGURAL SPEECH BEFORE SOME 150 PERSONS ATTENDING A SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS, PRESIDENT PEREZ CALLED FOR AN END TO SUCH ABUSES AS TORTURE WHICH HE SAID SHOULD BE DECLARED AN "INTERNATIONAL CRIME, LIKE GENOCIDE."

3. THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT WAS ONE OF 18 SPEAKERS PARTICIPATING IN THE FIVE-DAY SEMINAR BEING HELD TO CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE INTERAMERICAN DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MAN. IT IS SPONSORED BY SIMON BOLIVAR UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE OF HIGH LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES.

4. PRESIDENT PEREZ REFERRED TO "IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM", WHICH HE SAID "PARECERIA ESTAR EN CONTRADICCION CON LA SUSTENTACION FUNDAMENTAL DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS. NO SE TRATA DE UN PRINCIPIO, SINO DE UN MERO PROCEDIMIENTO DE CONDUCTA ENTRE ESTADOS, DERIVADO DEL RESPETO A LA SOBERANIA Y AL DERECHO DE LOS PUEBLOS A DARSE EL REGIMEN DE GOBIERNO QUE DESEEN. LA QUE NO

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PUEDE INHIBIRNOS EN LA DENUNCIA DE HECHOS Y SUCESOS QUE VULNEREN LA INTEGRIDAD FISICA, MENTAL Y MORAL DE LAS PERSONAS; Y A SOLICITAR LA RESTITUCION DE LA LIBERTAD Y LA SEGURIDAD PERSONAL DE QUIENES SEAN VICTIMAS DE PERSECUSIONES. COMO A EXIGIR POR INTERMEDIO DE LOS ORGANISMOS SUPRANACIONALES A QUE SE RESPETE LA VOLUNTAD DE LOS PUEBLOS CUANDO SE LES CONVOCA A ELEGIR A SUS GOBERNANTES. CREEMOS FIRME E IRREVOCABLEMENTE EN LA SUPRANACIONALIDAD DE LOS DERECHOS

HUMANOS."

5. PRESIDENT LASHED OUT AT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AT VIOLATIONS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE AND AT THE BARBAROUS PRACTICES OF TORTURE.

6. "CREEMOS QUE HA LLEGADO EL MOMENTO DE DECLARAR LA TORTURA UN DELITO INTERNATIONAL, COMO EL GENOCIDIO," HE SAID.

7. THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT SAID: "LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS SE FUNDAMENTAN EN EL DERECHO A LA VIDA CON DIGNIDAD, BIENESTAR Y ACCESO AUTENTICO A LOS BIENES DE LA CIVILIZACION. IMPLICAN EL DERECHO DEL HOMBRE A VIVIR EN FORMA PLENAMENTE HUMANA, DENTRO DE UN ORDEN POLITICO, SOCIAL Y ECONOMICO, JUSTO Y EQUITATIVO. DEBEN ENMARCAR A LOS INDIVIDUOS DENTRO DE SUS SOCIEDADES NACIONALES Y A LAS NACIONES EN SUS RELACIONES E INTERCAMBIOS."

8. HE WENT ON TO SAY: "SI QUISIERAMOS DEFINIR EN LENGUAJE SENCILLO, SIMPLE, EN FRASE EXPRESIVA, LO QUE SIGNIFICA LA VIGENCIA DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS LO DIRIAMOS CON INOBJETABLE PRECISION. 'PAN CON LIBERTAD'".

9. AS THE SEMINAR GOT UNDER WAY, CUBAN EXILES AND VENEZUELAN WERE ORGANIZING A PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION IN DOWNTOWN CARACAS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA.

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10. MEANWHILE, MARTHA DE VALLADARES, WIFE OF THE IMPRISONED CUBAN POET, ARRIVED HERE SUNDAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR. SHE SAID SHE CAME TO PROTEST THE SITUATION OF HER ILL HUSBAND.  
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